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ANNOUNCEMENT

For many years there has been felt the need of a law journal to be conducted under the auspices of the Department of Law of the University of Michigan. Various causes, however, have conspired to postpone the undertaking until the present time. Plans have been now matured for the establishment of such a magazine, and with this issue the MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW enters upon a career which it is hoped may prove to be one of usefulness and success. The purpose is to give expression to the legal scholarship of the University, and to serve the profession and the public by timely discussion of legal problems, and by calling attention to the most important developments in the field of jurisprudence.

There are, of course, several excellent legal journals already in the field, but no one of them serves quite the purpose which is the aim of this one. There is, moreover, in the great northwest, a field essentially unoccupied, while in the alumni of this department, now numbering considerably over six thousand members, there exists a loyal and influential constituency to whom, it is hoped, such a journal will prove especially attractive.

The magazine will be made up of four chief departments: *first*, leading articles upon important and interesting legal subjects; *second*, notes and comment upon current topics and significant occurrences in the legal world; *third*, abstracts and digests of the most important recent cases; and *fourth*, reviews of books and comments on legal literature.

In the first department, it is the hope to give such discussions of the legal problems of the day as will prove useful, reliable and scholarly.

In the second, may be expected interesting and profitable notes and comments upon legal events. In the third, an especial effort will be made not to refer to every case, but to give such critical and helpful analysis of the most important recent cases as will serve to show their real effect upon the development of the law. In the department of book reviews, it will be the aim to give honest, impartial and competent estimates of the newest books, and helpful reviews of the current legal literature. All articles and book reviews will appear over the signatures of the writers.

It will be the aim to make the journal practical without usurping the functions of the text-book or the digest, and scholarly without becoming so academic in its character as to be out of touch with the needs and aims of the lawyer of today. It will not be local in its character or be confined to the discussion of law-school problems.

The magazine will be under the editorial management of a member of the faculty, assisted by an Advisory Board, but all of the other members of the faculty will co-operate in conducting it. Articles from members on other faculties in the University upon subjects of legal interest may also be expected, and contributions from outside sources will frequently appear.

The magazine will contain about eighty pages in each issue, and will regularly appear on the first of each month in the college year, exclusive of October.

This enterprise is in no sense undertaken for the pecuniary benefit of its projectors, or any of them. All profits, if any, which may accrue, will be devoted to the improvement of the magazine, and to the promotion of the welfare of the Law Department.

Founded in this spirit, the projectors make bold to appeal for support to the alumni and friends of this Law School, and to the members of the legal profession in general.

NOTE AND COMMENT

THE RIGHT OF A DE JURE OFFICER TO RECOVER SALARY OR FEES PAID TO A DE FACTO OFFICER.—The question of the right of a *de jure* officer, who has established his title to the office, to recover from the municipality, or from the *de facto* officer, the amount of salary or fees paid by the municipality to the *de facto* officer, was involved in the recent interesting case of *Coughlin v. McElroy*, et al., 50 Atl. Rep. 1025, decided January 9, 1902, by the Supreme Court of Connecticut. It appeared that Coughlin and McElroy were rival candidates for the office of tax collector of the City of Bridgeport. As a result of the election, McElroy was regularly declared elected, and in good faith qualified and entered upon the performance of the duties of the office. Coughlin contested the election and was finally held to